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Dated 30th June, 1949

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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FOREIGNERS. - Registration of Foreigners Act and Rules, 1939 - Registration of Iranian nationals - Instructions of the Government of India communicated.

Home Department.

G.O. (Ms) No. 2692. Dated, the 30th June 1949

READ:- the following:-

G.O. (Ms) No. 1340 Public (War) dated the 19th May 1943
G.O. (Ms) No. 1466 Home dated the 21st April 1948
From the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, No.6/1/49-F1 dated the 16th June 1949.

/Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939 - Registration of Iranian nationals./

I am directed to say that as a result of instructions issued from time to time regarding the registration of foreigners, a large number of Iranian nationals residing in India have not been subject to registration. This position has been brought about as follows:-

When the Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939, and the Rules made thereunder, first came into force, all persons of Asisatic birth, who were subjects of countries having common frontiers with India, were exempted from the provisions of Registration of Foreigners Rules, 1939. Nationals of these countries were later on brought within the scope of the Rules one by one, as the situation demanded. So far as the Iranians are concerned, the Registration of Foreigners Rules, 1939 were made applicable to them with effect from the 1st May 1943 - vide the late Home Department Notification No. 1/17/43-Poll(E) dated the 1st May 1943 (copy enclosed). It was, however, decided at that time that, in order to avoid complications, only passport-holders visiting India after the introduction of the new order (i.e. after the 1st May 1943) should be subject to these rules. As a result of these instructions, Iranian nationals who entered India before 1st May 1943 and continued to remain in this country since their arrival are still exempt from registration, though this lacuna in the instructions has been removed in respect of nationals of other limitrophe countries by the issue of ad hoc orders.

2. It has now been decided that in the interest of the security and for reasons of administrative uniformity and statistical convenience, the Iranian nationals falling within the category mentioned in paragraph 1 above - which is the only group of foreigners who are subject to the provisions of the Indian Passport Rules, 1921, but have not been registered - should also be subject to the provisions of the Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939, and the Rules made thereunder. It is, therefore, requested that arrangements may be made by the Government of Madras to ensure that all Iranian nationals, who entered India before the 1st May 1943 (and have continued to remain in India) and have remained unregistered should be required to appear before the nearest Registration Officer within a period of two months from the 15th June 1949, i.e. by the 15th August 1949. A copy of a Press Note which is being issued in this connection is enclosed.

3. It may be added that it would not be necessary to issue residential permits to the Iranian nationals in question since they are not subject to this requirement - vide this Ministry's circular letter No. 6/16/48-F1 dated the 10th April 1948.

Enclosures.

(1)

Copy of Home Department Notification No.1/17-43-Political(E) dated the 1st May 1949.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the

Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939 (XVI of 1939), the Central Government is pleased to direct that the following further amendment shall be made in the Declarations set out in the Registrations of Foreigners (Exemption) Order, 1939, namely:-

For paragraph (e) of Declaration-3-of the said-Declarations, the following paragraph shall be substituted, namely:-

"(e) any person of Asiatic birth who by any law for the time being in force is not required to obtain a visa for the purpose of entering British India and who is a subject of any State having sovereignty over any territory of which the boundaries are co-terminous with the boundaries, external or internal, of India; or"

(2)

Press Note.

Iranian nationals who entered India before the 1st May 1943 and have continued to remain in this Country since their entry are the only group of foreigners who though subject to the provisions of the Indian Passport Rules, 1921, have not hitherto been required to register themselves under the Registration of Foreigners Rules, 1939. The Government of India have now decided that in accordance with the normal statutory provisions and for reasons of administrative uniformity and statistical convenience, these Iranian nationals should also be required to get themselves registered within two months from the 15th June 1949. Such persons should, therefore, present themselves before the nearest Registration Officer (Superintendent of Police) within their passports or other documents of identity within two months of the date mentioned above i.e. by the 15th August 1949 for registration.

ORDER:

Communicated to the Commissioner of Police, Madras, and the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Railways and C.I.D., and Provincial Registration Officer, Madras, for information and necessary action.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

C.S. DAVID
Deputy Secretary to Government

To the Commissioner of Police, Madras
To the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Railways and C.I.D. and Provincial Registration Officer, Madras.
Copy to all District Magistrates.
Copy to the Inspector-General of Police.
Copy to all other Deputy Inspectors General of Police.
Copy to all District Superintendents of Police.
Copy to the Superintendent of Police. Special Branch C.I.D., Madras (with enclosure)

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Home Department.

Endorsement No. 82066-M/49-1 dated the 1st September 1949.

Sub: FOREIGNERS - Registration of Foreigners Act and Rules 1939 - Registration of Iranian Nationals - Time limit extended - Letter from the Government of India - Communicated.
Ref: G.O. (Ms) No. 2692 Home dated the 30th June 1949.

A copy of letter No.6/1/49-F1 dated the 26th August 1949 from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, is communicated to the Commissioner of Police, Madras and the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Railways and C.I.D., the and Provincial Registration Officer, Madras, in continuation of the G.O. cited for information and necessary action.

S.A. IYENGAR
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Copy of letter No.61/49-F-1 dated 26th August 1949 from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, to all Provincial Governments.

Sub: REGISTRATION OF FOREIGNERS ACT, 1939 - Registration of Iranian Nationals.

With reference to this Ministry's letter No. 6/1/49-F1 dated the 16th June 1949, I am directed to say that the Iranian Embassy in India have requested that the time-limit for the registration of un-registered Iranians may be extended by a further period of three months since it has been found difficult to renew in time the expired passports of such Iranian nationals and to inform the persons concerned to get themselves registered. The Government of India have decided to accede to this request. The date by which Iranian nationals who entered India before the 1st May 1943 (and have continued to remain in India) and are required to get themselves registered, is therefore, requested hereby extended up till the 15th November 1949. It is requested that the local registration authorities may be informed of this decision.

2. A copy of a press note which is being issued in this connection, is enclosed for information.

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PRESS NOTE.

Orders were issued in June 1949 that Iranian Nationals who entered India before the 1st May 1943, and have continued to remain in this Country and have not been registered under the Registration of Foreigners Rules 1939 should appear before the nearest Registration Officer (Superintendent of Police) with their passports or other documents of identity and get themsleves registered before the 15th August 1949. It has been represented that it has not been possible for all the Iranian nationals affected to register themselves within this time limit. It has, therefore, been decided to extend the date for the registration of unregistered Indian Iranian nationals uptill the 15th November 1949.

/True copy/

Superintendent,
Madras Record Office, Egmore.

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